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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Chelan County

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Frances J. Pocan** (NA00189315) with unprofessional conduct. A patient allegedly gave her money to pay the patient's bills, and she failed to pay the bills or return the money to the patient.

Clark County

In December 2011 the Massage Program charged **Douglas L. Black** (MA00011374) with unprofessional conduct for allegedly having a sexual relationship with a patient.

In December 2011 the Medical Commission charged physician **Patrick Chau** (MD00030053) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include failing to comply with terms and conditions set against his license, prescribing controlled substances inadequate notes about why he prescribed the substances, and failing to follow-up with patients.

Douglas County

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Maria Elena Vasquez** (NA60168663) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly borrowed money from a patient and failed to repay the loan.

Jefferson County

In December 2011 the Veterinary Board of Governors released veterinarian **Joyce M. Murphy** (VT00001824) from terms and conditions set against her license.

King County

In December 2011 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Steve Becker** that it intends to issue a cease-and-desist order. He's charged with performing a forensic evaluation, administering psychological tests, and diagnosing a patient without a valid psychologist or counselor license.

In December 2011 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Jaime Lynn Clarke** (D160231847) and placed conditions against her registration. She was convicted of driving under the influence and entered into a deferred prosecution for charges of driving under the influence.

In January 2012 the Nursing Commission amended the statement of charges against registered nurse **Flor D. Cruz** (RN00076122). She allegedly failed to act on a patient's change in vital signs, failed to perform a complete assessment of the patient, and failed to communicate the changes in the patient's condition to a physician or other staff. She also allegedly rented a room in her house to a former inmate at the jail where she worked, and checked the inmates medical records without authorization.

In December 2011 the Secretary of Health ended the probation order against physician **Terrill L. Harrington** (MD00038084).

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Gus Ernie Hayes** (NC10013627) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of violating a no-contact order and entered a deferred prosecution for charges of assault, malicious mischief, and resisting arrest.

In December 2011 the Medical Commission charged physician **Jim Chun Jen Hsu** (MD00044903) with unprofessional conduct. The diagnosis and surgery he performed on a patient's shoulder was allegedly below the standard of care.

In January 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Jina Marie Milius** (CO60185460) and placed conditions against her certification. She was convicted of vehicular homicide, theft, and underage alcohol possession.

In December 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program ended the probation order against **Laura Lena Miller** (HC60068282, HC60151774).

In December 2011 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Steven H. Nguyen** (DE00008242) with unprofessional conduct. It's alleged that he knowingly allowed an employee without a valid license to perform denturist and dental assistant duties.

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Krystal J. Shoulders** (NC10100007) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly took a patient's debit card and purchased about \$250 of groceries for her own use.

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program ended the probation order against certified nursing assistant **Maylee B. Vo** (NC60156056).

Kitsap County

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Ashley Marie Rowland** (NA60102636) with unprofessional conduct. She entered into a deferred prosecution for the charge of theft.

Lewis County

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of registered nursing assistant applicant **Lisa J. Sipe** (NA60255488). She was convicted of child molestation.

Mason County

In December 2011 the Chemical Dependency Program denied the application of chemical dependency professional trainee applicant **Joseph Lee Schaeffer** (CO60245631). He was convicted of methamphetamine possession, two counts of driving with a suspended license, two counts of domestic violence assault, attempting to elude police, and resisting arrest.

Pierce County

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Katie J. Byrd** (NA60214486) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include sleeping while caring for a patient, smoking marijuana with the patient, driving the patient while under the influence, and shoplifting. She also allegedly had the patient pawn jewelry so she could get a tattoo.

In December 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional **Terrance O. Jones** (CP60044697) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of three counts of domestic violence assault, marijuana possession, and two counts of violating a no-contact order.

In January 2012 the Counselor Program ended the probation order against agency affiliated counselor and certified counselor **Sabryna D. Klug** (CG60165266, CL60165237).

In December 2011 the Nursing Commission placed licensed practical nurse **Nancy L. Picou** (LP00047746) on probation for five years. She allegedly received prescriptions for controlled substances for herself, filled them, and gave them to her husband.

Spokane County

In January 2012 the Certified Counselor Program granted the application of **Michael Tyrone Deal** (CL60246873) and placed conditions against his certificate. He was convicted of two counts of obstructing police, driving without a license, false statement, two counts of possessing stolen property, attempting to elude police, driving with a suspended license, and illegal drug conduct.

In January 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Julie Raeann Potts** (NC10096507) and placed her certification on probation. She entered into a deferred sentence for an assault charge.

Thurston County

In January 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certification of **James R. Pollard** (NC10085152).

Yakima County

In January 2012 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Randy Allan** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. He allegedly advertised and represented himself as an equine dentist without evidence that he is supervised by a licensed veterinarian.

In January 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Frances Salinas Gonzalez** (CO60256819) and placed her certification on probation for three years. She was convicted of solicitation to obtain Vicodin by fraud, and driving under the influence. Her registered counselor credential was suspended for two years.

Out of State

Virginia: In December 2011 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of registered nurse **Brandon L. Bailey** (RN00176831) and placed his license on expired status until he meets reactivation requirements.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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